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REMARKS

In the advisory action mailed February 21, 2007, the examiner indicated that the amendment in Claim 2 made in the response to the office action does not place the application in condition for allowance because the invention is unpatentable over Watanabe (U.S. Patent No. 3,454,404) under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

The applicant has submitted concurrently herewith a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. This amendment is to more clearly distinguish the present invention from the technology disclosed by the cited Watanabe reference. In addition to the steam, Watanabe utilizes chemical agents such as alkali salts during the manufacturing process. In contrast, the process of the present invention utilizes only the water vapor.

The applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

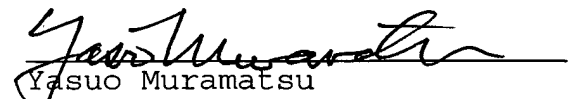
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